

# HONORING LAMEY-WELLEHAN FOR 100 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

## HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 25, 2014*

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lamey-Wellehan on its 100th anniversary.

One hundred years ago last week, Dan Wellehan and Charlie Lamey opened Lamey-Wellehan Shoes on Lisbon Street in Lewiston, ME. Despite Dan being sent to fight in World War I and Charlie tragically passing away at a young age, this Maine institution has persisted for a century, expanding to six locations and more than 100 employees, fitting countless young Mainers with their first pair of shoes.

Since the death of Dan Wellehan in 1976, Lamey-Wellehan has been under the stewardship of his son, Jim Wellehan, who began working in the store's stockroom as a young high school student. Under Jim's leadership, Lamey-Wellehan has continued to grow, build strong relationships in Maine's communities and separated itself as an environmentally conscious business. Over the years, Lamey-Wellehan has made concerted efforts to reduce its carbon footprint by recycling up to 96 percent of its solid waste, increasing its use of solar energy, and most recently ceasing its use of plastic bags.

Although Jim Wellehan does not have specific retirement plans, he is working to ensure that when he does retire the company remains in good hands by slowly having his employees buy the business. As Lamey-Wellehan moves into its second century of business, I am confident that it will continue to successfully serve Mainers in the years to come.

Mr. Speaker, please join me again in recognizing Lamey-Wellehan's 100th anniversary.

# 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REGULATORY UTILITY COMMISSIONERS

## HON. PETER WELCH

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 25, 2014*

Mr. WELCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the 125th anniversary of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, the national association representing our nation's State utility economic regulators.

The work of our nation's public utility regulators often goes unnoticed and unheralded until the lights go out or our utility rates increase. But rest assured, the work these officials do on a daily basis impacts every single one of us in the country.

State utility regulators ensure the rates we pay for utility services are fair, just, and reasonable. They help make sure the utilities deliver these services—electricity, natural gas, water, and telecommunications—in a safe and reliable manner.

NARUC offers its members countless opportunities for education, sharing of best prac-

tices, advocacy, and much more. Since March of 1889, the Association has provided resources aimed at improving regulatory practices. Since just about all of us pay utility bills in some way or another, we have all benefited from NARUC's work over the last century and a quarter.

One hundred and twenty five years ago the electricity industry was in its infancy. Alexander Graham Bell was still perfecting his groundbreaking invention called the telephone. We were still learning how best to transport water and natural gas.

We can now electrify our homes from solar rooftops. We can carry our personal computers in our pockets on our smart phones. We are using new technologies to find abundant resources of natural gas.

The one constant has been NARUC and the quality utility regulation it promotes. I want to thank NARUC and congratulate it on this 125th year anniversary.

# OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

## HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 25, 2014*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$17,548,206,894,037.06. We've added \$6,921,329,845,123.98 to our debt in 5 years. This is over \$6.9 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

# TRIBUTE TO MR. SANTANA GONZALEZ

## HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 25, 2014*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to pay tribute to Mr. Santana Gonzalez on his retirement with thirty-five years of service with Chevron Corporation. Santana began his professional career with Gulf Oil, and since then, he has held a succession of public and government relations assignments in Texas, New Mexico, and Southern California. Throughout his career, he has demonstrated a unique ability to engage governmental, media, and community stakeholders as well as provide support to incident response activities.

Most recently, Santana has served with distinction in Chevron's State Government Relations office and as the Manager for Policy, Government and Public Affairs for Chevron Pipeline in Chevron's Gas and Midstream.

One of his career highlights includes receiving the Chevron Chairman's Award, an award that recognizes colleagues and teams who demonstrate ingenuity and initiative to achieve extraordinary results for the company. In addition, his service to the Hispanic community earned him the National Council of La Raza's President's Award.

Santana Gonzalez grew up in South Texas, in the Brownsville-Harlingen area. His family moved to Houston in 1968. He attended Bellaire High School and, coincidentally, his last work assignment was also in Bellaire. Gonzalez graduated from the University of Texas—Pan American in 1976 and went on to receive his Juris Doctorate from the University of Houston School of Law in 1979.

To say that Santana will be missed on his retirement is an understatement. His gift of gab and contagious laugh are legendary amongst his colleagues and all who know him. Those who work most closely with him have admired his capacity for work, his intelligence and wise and wry counsel. No challenge has been too big for him to manage, and Chevron's reputation was lifted by his every engagement with communities, governments and business partners.

Santana and his wife Nellie reside in Pearland. She is looking forward to having Santana as her personal chef and tour guide during retirement. Santana is looking forward to doing a lot of reading and spending time with his two beautiful daughters, Lisa and Amber, and his granddaughter, Crysalyne Mae. He and Nellie are anxiously awaiting another grandchild into the world in the near future.

I congratulate Santana on his retirement, and thank him for his diligent service to the energy industry, particularly in the great state of Texas. I wish him all the best that retirement has to offer. And that's just the way it is.

# HONORING DR. NORMAN E. BORLAUG

## HON. BILL FLORES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 25, 2014*

Mr. FLORES. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to pay tribute to Dr. Norman E. Borlaug, who is most commonly known as the "Father of the Green Revolution."

The United States Congress today dedicated a statue of Dr. Borlaug in Statuary Hall of the United States Capitol. This dedication happens to coincide with what would have been his one hundredth birthday.

Dr. Borlaug's groundbreaking work in wheat improvement has been able to save millions of starving people around the globe. He cross-bred thousands of wheat varieties from around the world to produce new breads resistant to diseases. He crafted dwarf wheat varieties, which kept stalks erect, salvaging them from becoming unharvestable. Additionally, he came up with the technique of shuttle breeding, which involves growing two successive plantings, in different regions, a year.

These advancements in wheat have helped food deficient countries, such as Mexico and India, become self-sufficient in producing high-yield, disease-resistant grains.

Dr. Borlaug touched millions of lives through his research, knowledge and teachings in advancing agriculture to help end hunger worldwide. His outstanding work has been recognized with the Nobel Peace Prize, U.S. Presidential Medal of Freedom, U.S. Congressional Gold Medal, United Nations FAO Agricola Medal and over fifty honorary doctorate degrees.